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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Sumihito Morita, et al. )  
Serial No. 09/822,576 )  
Filing Date: March 30, 2001 ) Examiner: David Donald Davis  
For: Thin-Film Magnetic Head Having Lower )  
Magnetic Pole Layer and Insulator Layer Behind )  
The Lower Magnetic Pole Layer in The Direction of )  
Height of the Pole Layer, and Method For )  
Manufacturing The Thin-Film Magnetic Head )  
Group Art Unit: 2652

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPOSE**  
**TO OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 14, 2004**

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Dear Sir:

This is in Reply to the Patent Office Action, mailed on July 14, 2004 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 1 – 21 in view of the following claim addition/amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.